



## **Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup> 2021**

Our Sunday service is at 11 am with in-person worship, we also stream the service live and record it for later viewing. The recording of the service will be available on Sunday and can be found on our YouTube channel by typing "St. David's Presbyterian Message for September 19, 2021" into Google. Copies of the hymns and scripture readings are included in the email sent out each Friday. The scripture readings for this Sunday are:

**James 3:13—4:3, 7-8 Mark 9:30-37**

**Church Office Hours:** Rev. Sturtevant is in the office Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 am to 2 pm. For pastoral care, please contact him at 699-3661. Monica McNeill, our Office Administrator, is in the office each weekday from 9 am to 1 pm, if you need to drop off or pick up something.

**Prayer Partnership:** The Presbyterian Church in Canada offers a prayer partnership that may form part of a daily devotional, please consider these prayer partnerships:

**Sunday, September 19** We pray for struggling farmers in the developing world whose livelihoods have been impacted by climate change and give thanks for programs supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development that help them.

**Monday, September 20** We thank God for our ecumenical and interfaith connections and for the members of the PCC's Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee who support these endeavours and meet today.

**Tuesday, September 21 (International Day of Prayer for Peace)** We pray for the safety and well-being of those living in conflict situations. May we all respond to God's call to be peacemakers and speak out against forces of violence.

**Wednesday, September 22** We pray for healing and peace in the church so that its witness and ministry is focused and invigorated.

**Thursday, September 23** We pray for pastors of the Reformed Church in Sub-Carpathia, Ukraine, as they provide spiritual support to people of Hungarian descent in challenging conditions.

**Friday, September 24** We pray for church musicians and give thanks for all they do to support the church in praise.

**Saturday, September 25** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Northern Saskatchewan.

## Message from the Minister



I was very glad to hear the premier's announcement that there were no injuries reported in the aftermath of Hurricane Larry. Having stayed up late enough to see some of the winds, and knowing just how strong they were, that truly is a blessing. Unfortunately, although no people were hurt, there was certainly some property damage, like this tree, the only tree that was growing in my backyard, now blown down.

It was sad to see that it was cracked clean off by the wind. No restoration is possible. Maybe new growth will come from the stump, but either way, its days of providing supertime shade to our deck are now over, and it is now good for nothing more than firewood.

Loss is a hard thing. When we lose something or someone important, their absence is always right there in front of us. When I open my back door, I see the empty space where the tree used to be. Our bird feeder that hung in that tree will need a new home, and we will no longer be able to watch the birds in its branches while washing dishes. When I go outside with a wet towel, I suffer for a moment when I realize I can't hang it on the branches of the tree anymore, and I can't hang my dog's chew-rope from the lowest

branch and watch him jump and grab at it until he works it loose. The tree broke once, but the loss lingers.

Grief sticks around. Anniversaries and birthdays are hard, but so are the thousand other moments of ordinary life that we wish we could share once more. Things are never the same again, and the hole where the one we missed used to be never really gets filled in.

But just yesterday, I was out on my deck just as the sun was setting. The whole sky was on fire with pink and orange, and I realized that now I was able to sit and see the whole thing at once, without poplar branches in my way. I had lost my tree, but gained a new view.

In the midst of grief, life continues. God's blessings do not dry up forever. In the midst of suffering, we can still rejoice, because we know that God has plans for us. In the book of Jeremiah, God speaks to his people who have been exiled from their homes and driven into captivity in a foreign land; in their time of mourning God says: "*For I know the plans I have for you, [...] plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*"

God walks with us through our grief, and has good plans for our future even when all we can see is our loss. God can redeem broken hearts and give purpose to broken hearts. What good news that is for us! Hallelujah, and Amen.

Rev. David Sturtevant

## **From the Board, Session and Treasurer**

### **In-person Church Services**

St. David's has had in-person services each Sunday since September 2020 with a brief break from February to April 2021. Our morning worship is at 11 am. We also live-stream the service, or you can access it later. With the move to "Level 2 Re-opening", the number of people who can be in the sanctuary is increased provided we can maintain social distancing. For those members of St. David's unable to participate in virtual worship for one reason or another, we invite you to attend in person when you are comfortable doing so. Those of you who join us virtually via Zoom may certainly continue to follow us that way or if you are comfortable joining us in person, we welcome you back.

### **Getting the Service and Bulletin using our website**

This bulletin is placed on our website as soon as the Rollmann family get Monica's email. The website is **stdavids.nf.ca** and if you type this in as your search, our website will be right there. At the top of the main page is a "Sunday Service" which will take you to this week's service link and bulletin. Since our Sunday services are now live-streamed, the link is already posted so people can experience the Sunday service at home live beginning at 11 am on Sunday. If you click on Video Service for September 19<sup>th</sup> you will see the screen and the note: live in "a number" of hours. After the fact, you can see the YouTube video of the service. If you would like to catch up on previous services all are available, simply scroll through the services and choose the Sunday service or bulletin that you would like to see or read.

**How can we help you at this time?** Do you need any help getting groceries, having something picked up, or having something dropped off (like this bulletin or the minister's weekly sermons)? Would you just like to

have a chat with the minister or your elder? You may call the church at 722-2382 or email us at [stdavids@nfld.com](mailto:stdavids@nfld.com) and we'll see what we can do to help. Monica is at the church during regular office hours from 9 am to 1 pm each weekday, if you want to drop by for any reason.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Thank you to all who are continuing to donate to your church through your envelopes on Sunday mornings, by e-transfers, or through your monthly PAD contributions. My thanks go out to elders and friends who happily and gladly pick-up envelopes from those not able to get out and help by dropping them off at the church office.

**By the way, the sole email address we are using to accept donations is [stdavidsnfld@gmail.com](mailto:stdavidsnfld@gmail.com) and this one is linked to our bank account and it will automatically accept all donations.**

### **Announcements**

**A donation has been made in loving memory of Nicholas (1998) and John (2016) Scott by Kathleen E. Scott.**

**The AMS will be meeting today following the worship service at Sheena's on 109 Strawberry Marsh Road. All are welcome!**

**Bridges to Hope**

# Thanksgiving Food Drive

## Drive Through - Rain or Shine!

In support of

Bridges To Hope Food Aid Centre

\*Largest Food Bank in St. John's

**Hosted by:** St. David's Presbyterian Church

**Where:** St. David's Parking Lot, 98 Elizabeth Avenue

**When:** Saturday, October 9, 2021 - 10 A. M. - 2 P. M.

**What to Bring:** Non-perishable food items, personal hygiene items, household cleaning supplies, laundry supplies, baking supplies, etc. (Some suggestions are given below.) *Monetary donations and gift cards are also acceptable.*

**Why:** With Fall and Winter fast approaching, clients of Bridges To Hope are faced with additional expenses for basic items like heat and light! Often this means less money available for food. Food hampers help to bridge the gap - providing quality food, fresh fruit and vegetables, fresh bread, eggs; even meals prepared in our own kitchen!

Some **suggested** items to contribute: *Canned milk, Canned beans, Soup, Dry Pasta/Rice, Canned pasta, Pasta sauce, Canned meat/fish, Crackers, Cereal, Canned vegetables, Kraft Dinner, Cookies/Snacks, Juice, Canned fruit, Tea, Coffee, Sugar, Peanut butter, Cheez Whiz, Jam, Pudding snacks ... the list goes on!*

\*\* Personal care items: Toilet tissue, tissues, shampoo, bar soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene supplies, dishwashing detergent, laundry detergent, etc.

***We have much to be thankful for this year ..... let's pass it on by helping others!***

**Your support is sincerely appreciated – THANK YOU!**

**Specials This Week** (Sept 16-22) – Good buys for Food Trolley or Food Drive!

**Colemans** – Catelli Pasta - \$0.99

**Shoppers Drug Mart** – Colgate Toothpaste - \$0.88

**Sobeys** – Kraft Dinner - \$0.97

Heinz Beans or Pasta - \$0.97

**Lawtons** – Kraft Dinner – 5/\$5

Heinz Tomato Soup - 2/\$1

**Walmart** - Sugar - \$1.47

Dairy Isle Evaporated Milk - \$0.97

**Dominion** – Graves Apple Juice - \$0.99

Unico Pasta/Primo Pasta Sauce - \$1

**Pipers** – Clark Beans - \$1

Italpasta Spaghetti or Elbows Pasta - \$0.99

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



## **Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations**

Belated Happy Birthday to Raphaelle, daughter of Chantal and Steve Aitken and grand-daughter of Janet and Paul Aitken, who celebrated her 7<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Raphaelle and her family currently live in Orleans, Ottawa. We know Raphaelle had a great day and we send along our best wishes for a wonderful year ahead!

Happy Birthday wishes to Karen Froude who will be celebrating with her family and friends on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Karen is the daughter of Sue and Ken Templeton and proud mom of Madelyn, Drayton and Jayce. Everyone here at St. David's wishes you a very Happy Birthday, Karen, and may there be many more!

Also celebrating her birthday on September 21<sup>st</sup>, is Helen (Bruce) Reddick. Helen is the daughter of Pam Bruce and is currently living with her family in Grand Falls-Windsor. Your St. David's family is thinking of you Helen and sending along our best wishes. Hope you have a wonderful day!

Happy 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Sarah Learmonth and David Corkey! Sarah and David were married here at St. David's on September 19, 2016. Congratulations from your St. David's family and we hope there are many years of happiness in your future! (Sarah is the daughter of Mary and Barry Learmonth.)

**If you know of someone who is going to have a birthday or an anniversary in the coming days or weeks, please call or email the church.**

## News from the Pews

### Story from Monica

*This week we are delighted to have another story from Monica. Many of you know that Monica has a real connection with all types, shapes and sizes of animals. This is a sweet little tale about Cleo, her bearded dragon, and one of those “connections” that goes on to draw a parallel to our relationship with God. Read on.....*

#### *Cleo, the Bearded Dragon*

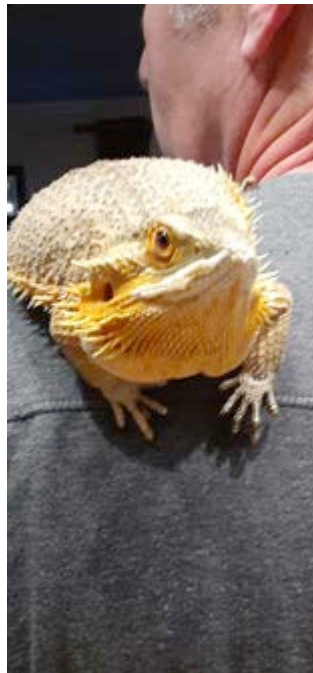
Let me tell you a story of a beautiful little bearded dragon! Now I know in a previous bulletins you saw pictures of all my creatures I have in my home, but the one that surprises me the most is Cleo, the bearded dragon.

I bought Cleo at a pet store thinking that she was so tiny and cute but never considered that a reptile would be so interactive with human beings. To my surprise, she picked her favourite human in our house, my husband Mike. From the beginning, Mike could reach in her cage and she would gently lick his finger. If I tried the same she bit me! Even when I fed her, at times she would mistakenly bite me and to add injury to insult as they say, Mike would pick her up and she would instantly turn a bright orange which means she is content and happy and safe. Me, not so much! As time passed though, she did learn to trust me and I can now safely put my hand in her cage and not be bitten. She now turns orange when she is up with me, especially if Mike is playing and singing music. She has learned to trust me.

It's odd though, from the very beginning she trusted Mike and she would turn the prettiest orange, her contentment was so evident. I've been thinking about this for some time now and it seems that our relationship with God can be similar to that. When we stay connected to Him on a

regular basis we learn to trust and become more content that He is near and we can count on him. People might even notice that there is something different about you as you spend more time learning about God and getting to know him better. You may not turn a beautiful orange but there may just be a smile on your face more frequently.

I remember growing up there was this gentleman who would go to the store and the clerk would often follow him around as he always had a smile and would whistle throughout the whole time. She often wondered what made him so happy. One day she asked him and he told her he loved God! He was a very dedicated Salvation Army gentleman and he was faithful to his beliefs. Another example is my Aunt Freda, mom's sister. Her life was not easy but her faith was great and every time I would see her, her face was so pleasant and she had a smile on her face most of the time. She endured hardship with so much grace that she was an example to many. Sometimes, life is wonderful and sometimes there are times of turmoil but if we trust in the One who loves us, I think, just like Cleo with Mike, our faith in God will shine through.



Cleo happy on Mikes shoulder  
(she looks yellow but in person that is a bright orange)

## Gifts from the Land and the Water

This time of year is prime time for our gardens - everything from berries to vegetables. Who among us has not had a dish of freshly picked blueberries or raspberries in the last couple of weeks? Many of us here in St. David's are gardeners – maybe not always successful but always enthusiastic – and we get great joy from watching seeds grow. Likewise, with the Atlantic Ocean all around us, we can't help but have a deep connection to the salt water. Many of us have enjoyed whale-watching this summer or enjoyed a meal of fresh cod or even a quiet walk along one of our numerous rocky beaches. All gifts to give thanks for.

Below are just a few pictures that show the many blessings of the land and the sea.



Blueberries from the Blueberry Farm in Britannia



Lady Cove Raspberries – Yummy!



Anne's Boat in Lady Cove



Beluga Whale Playing Near Lady Cove Wharf



Whale Sand Sculpture from Monica's nieces and Sister in law.



Awww the calm before Larry and we all left the water.



Dory and boats on the beach



I thought I saw a Caterpillar



How do I get down



Saw One



Birch for Town, new use for Peter Clouston's Boat Hook

Below are pictures of the garden plot next to the Church and they show the tremendous effort and hard work from our “farmer friend” during the growing season. A great success!!



Before



And After





Penny Exploring the Garden



Zucchini Plant – Notice the Grown Zucchini!



Peppers!



A Row of Chard in the Middle



More Things to Come

## Archival Moment

We came across this picture (from 2003) when we were going through some of the documents in the Church's archives. It's great that we have all these pictures – so thank-you Pam!

It was titled The “Bible Bunch at Lunch”. We identified, from left to right around the table: Rev Sandy Wessell, Cathy Raman-Nair, Catherine Whitehead, Sheena Findlay, Tanya Shalaby, and Elisabeth Berghuis.



The Bible Bunch at Lunch, 2003

## Answers to the Crossword Puzzle

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## **Church Trivia Questions**

### **Way back when:**

**Last week the question was:** In the early (and later) days where else has this congregation met?

**The answer is:** The most simple answer is all over the place. The little congregation met in John Jones' room, in the Court House, "on the barrens", and one winter, they met in the little house they built. By 1787, they went ahead with the "LSPU Hall" church. In later days, worship associated with picnics was held at Manuels, Glendale, Parsons's farm (Mount Pearl/Southlands), Barnes's farm (Nagel's Hill), Pippy Park Lodge (a stone's throw from Barnes farm), and the Sunshine Park.

**This week the question is:** In the very early days where did John Jones also worship?

### **Recent History:**

**Last week the question was:** What current church family is well known for carpentry and involved in church-related construction?

**The answer is:** The Bruneau family. Angus built many of the items you see around the church and hall and Steve was heavily involved in the construction of the hall's accessible entrance and the newest accessible entrance to the Narthex.

**This week the question is:** What things around the church and hall did Angus Bruneau make?

**Do you have any ideas for some church trivia? Email or call the church!**

**Offerings** While COVID-19 keeps us from church each Sunday, please consider other ways to keep up your weekly donations. For those of you who are not on PAD, please consider signing up. Simply email the church and we will put you in touch with Ian Bruneau, our Envelope Secretary. He will answer any questions you may have. Alternately, you can donate via e-transfer to [stdavidsnfld@gmail.com](mailto:stdavidsnfld@gmail.com). Using your bank's comment section, you can specify information like your envelope number and how you would like your money distributed; to Current, Presbyterian Sharing, or any of our outreach programs. You may also donate through Canada Helps. You may also mail your donation, drop it off at the church, or call the church and someone would be pleased to pick it up for you.

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**Ideas to keep in touch** Do you have any ideas how we can keep in touch with one another or what you'd like to see us do now that things are starting to re-open. Call and let us know! Please keep in touch!

**Web Site** We'd like you to visit our web site, which is the place to find past services and any number of interesting things. The Sunday services are found on the web site and the text of the sermon is also available in the comment section. Our web site is **[stdavids.nf.ca](http://stdavids.nf.ca)**

Once there, choose ministries and look for the service you'd like to see or hear. There are over 600 services on-line too listen to or see.

## How to reach us:

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## Groups:

**Women's Auxiliary – Lillian Crawford**

**Good Companions (Seniors) – Kay Scott**

**Bible Study Group – Sheena Findlay**

**Atlantic Mission Society – Kathy McKay**

**Session – Lillian Crawford**

**Board of Managers – Ken Templeton (Session rep)**

**Prayer Shawl (Knitters) – Bouwina Fogwill**

**Willing Hands (Quilter Group) – Patsy Carmichael**

**Food For Thought (University and Early Career) – Ernst Rollmann**

## **Session:** the elders are:

Lillian Crawford      Jim Steele      Ken Templeton

Sue Templeton      Janet Calver      Kathy McKay

Penny Gillies      Steve Bruneau      Ian Bruneau

Aubrey Bonnell      Eleanor Bonnell      Jenny Griffioen

Jennifer Waterman      Ed Vanderkloet      Tanya Shalaby

## **Board of Managers:** the members of the Board are:

Ken Templeton      Ed Vanderkloet      Steve Bruneau

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**Treasurer:** Anne Calver

**Envelope Secretary:** Ian Bruneau